

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2010, @ 7:00 p.m.

The January 12, 2010, the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. The following members were present:

Mayor Larry Yates and Council Members Michael Harris, Rocky Wood, Diana Reedy, Joe Sperow, Paul Arrington and Johnnie Branham.

ITEMS # I & II

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Chief Wallace offered the prayer.

ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. After receiving none, Mayor Yates requested three changes to the agenda (1.) Move new Business to Item # X, (2) Move Public Comments to Item # IX, (3) Under New Business convene for a Closed Session as stated in Section 2.2-3711-A1 (Personnel) under the Code of Virginia. **A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood to approve the agenda** with the changes as stated. with motion on the floor being **seconded by Council Member Paul Arrington**, let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the prepared, December 2009 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. **A motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy** to approve the minutes, with motion on the floor being **seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood**, let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT

After inspection of the current list of payables, **a motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham** to pay the expenditures, with the motion on the floor **seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood**, let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Total deposits for the month of January \$. Expenditures for the month of January were \$ reflected in checks # 9 – 9. The general funds ending balance for the month was \$.

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ITEM # VII – OLD BUSINESS

Police Activity Report – Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigations for the month of December.

ITEM # VII – MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Announcements

The town’s web site was officially launched.

The town’s Christmas Tree Lighting was well attended.

December 9th - & January 8th - Management Team meetings were held. The January 8th meeting was a WebX meeting with Hill Studio.

Hill Studio planned to have final draft of the Master Plan ready by the end of January.

A meeting was scheduled with Jim Baldwin, CPPDC, Wednesday, January 13th, to review the deadlines and requirements for the grant proposal.

Two Public Hearing were to be scheduled by March 1st. The first may be conducted during the February monthly meeting.

During the WebX meeting, Joy Rumbly announced the CDHD would be well funded for the upcoming year and the pool of applicants was not as large as in past years, which could increase the town chances of being funded for the revitalization project.

January 6th – The USDA contract was signed for the funding for the police vehicle.

VML 50/50 Matching Safety Grant approved for Workman Comp and Liability - \$1000 each.

BVU plans to light fiber for the drop to the fire department and library sometime in January.

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ITEM # IX – COUNCIL COMMENTS

Diana Reedy – Inquired about a cable TV provider for the town. Mayor Yates responded by saying David Eaton, Cable Plus, was working to receive stimulus funding to help build a system to provide service for the town.

Johnny Branham – Inquired about an agreement signed several years ago with a gas company to provide natural gas to the community. He wanted to find the agreement and review the contents.

Rocky Wood – Inquired about the plans of the county to condemn the abandoned or unsafe structures in town. Mayor Yates reported the county building inspector had not returned calls and there were no new developments concerning the subject.

ITEM # IX – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Friends of the Russell Fork announced planned events for January 15th & 18th in celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

Amber and Nicole reported that certain manholes as of last month were continuing to overflow. Mayor Yates stated he would contact the director of the PSA to discuss the problem.

ITEM # X – NEW BUSINESS

At this time Mayor Yates entertained a motion to convene for a Closed Session. At 7:57 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood to convene in closed session to discuss personnel salaries, as provide for in Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) personnel, of the Code of Virginia, , with the motion on the floor **seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy**, let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

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ITEM # X – NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Yates read the following certificate of closed session :

We certify that:

1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and
2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to the certify the statement:

Mayor Yates stated that Member Paul Arrington had to leave during the Closed Session, but had asked for his vote to be recorded as yea.

Paul Arrington	Yea
Johnnie Branham	Yea
Michael Harris	Yea
Joe Sperow	Yea
Rocky Wood	Yea
Diana Reedy	Yea

Mayor announced the Council was now convened in Open Session.

Council Member Johnnie Branham made a motion that since all town employees had received a 3% raise and that Barbara Owens was suppose to be working 35 hours a week and that she should only have to work 35 hours a week back to that point, that would put her back to where she was hired to work. He continued with his motion to work her only for 35 hours, with the motion on the floor **seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy**, let the record show the motion on the floor was passed with four yeas and one opposed vote by Rocky Wood.

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ITEM # X – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, **a motion was made by Diana Reedy, seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood**, to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk